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For: CIGARETTE PAPER HAVING HEAT-DEGRADABLE FILLER PARTICLES, AND CIGARETTE COMPRISING A CIGARETTE PAPER WRAPPER HAVING HEAT-DEGRADABLE FILLER PARTICLES)	

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

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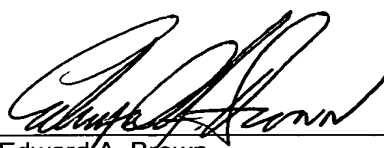
Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed January 9, 2004, in the above-identified application. In accordance with the Notice, Applicants resubmit the attached "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" section of the Amendment in Accompanying Request for Continued Examination, in which the status identifier for Claim 2 reads "Previously Presented."

Applicants respectfully submit that the corrected Amendment fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Accordingly, examination of the Amendment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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